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Canadian banks have such difficulty in finding clerks that they are negotiating for a number of English and Scottish youths.

In England, where fads and fashions change slowly, and the roads are good, bicycle manufacturers are still doing a good business.

The shah of Persia has placed another order for six high-grade automobiles in Paris. The value of this order is said to be \$28,800.

Taxes in the fiscal years 1906 and 1907 will pay \$900,000 to confederate veterans for pensions, besides expending \$154,588 for the support of the Confederate home.

The Mohammedans of Bengal are organizing demonstrations in favor of the partition of the presidency, in order to annoy the Hindus, who are unanimously against it.

Judge Harris, of Oakland, Cal., asked a divorce. Mrs. Ethel M. Harris, the other day, told her husband had thrown her pet dog out of a window, breaking its leg.

Government engineers are mapping Puget Sound for mines and torpedo stations. Mine equipment that cost \$500,000 is stored near Fort Ward. It is expected to be in place by the first of next year.

Near Redding, Cal., the trees in an orchard bore the second crop of June apples in October, a fact that is more remarkable as grasshoppers visited them right after the first crop and stripped them bare of leaves.

For the first time in its history Honolulu has pawnbroking shops. Two have started within the last few weeks. As a consequence, the soldiers of the United States army transport Buford pawned hundreds of articles in order to get money for liquor. Musical instruments were the principal articles pledged or sold.

An original way of benevolence is being introduced by Eugene Butler, a Parisian singer, who has made a fortune on the stage. Early in the fall she made up her mind never again to appear in a theater. The interest on her money gives her sufficient income for her needs, and, seeing thousands of worthy fellow beings famishing and in rags, she resolved to devote the balance of her life to work for their relief.

"Premiums on old coins have advanced from 75 to 100 per cent. during the last few years," said an old coin dealer. "Any number of coins that could have been picked up for a small sum a short time ago now bring sums up to \$75 and \$100. This is due to the tremendous revival of interest that has taken place in coin collecting. There are now in this country more than 4,000 coin collectors who systematically buy old coins and are always in search of new specimens. They make trips abroad to Europe and other countries in quest of desired rarities."

Capt. C. C. Rivers is now absolute ruler of the island of Orchilla, in the Caribbean sea. He threw out his lines and made fast there 12 years ago, and will probably make it his harbor the remainder of his life—though he is the only white man on the island and though he has seen the members of his family, who live at 2103 Gough street, Baltimore, only twice in 15 years. Capt. Rivers is king and cabinet combined, and not one of the 50 West Indian Negroes under his sway dares question his rule, but when he leaves Orchilla he leaves his royalty behind.

Frequent and revolting abuse in the American navy of the "manly art of self-defense" has aroused the indignation of good people all over the Union. Boxing in itself, when not indulged in to excess, is a healthful form of exercise and means of diversion. But it has been carried to an extreme in naval circles. One of the leading features of the late meeting, in New York harbor, of the warships of Britain and America was the hot prize-fights between the champions of the respective fleets, affairs which were encouraged and even observed by many of the officers.

No such objection in favor of abstinence from strong drink has been furnished to the world as in the case of the Japanese army in the late war. The correspondent of a French paper, who had exceptional opportunities for observing the daily life of the Japanese soldiers at the front and in the field of action, dwells at length upon the freedom of these men not only from intemperance, but from other vices which impair the fighting qualities. He draws a sharp contrast between these conditions and those which he found prevailing in the Russian camps.

Henry Gannett recently published a report on the place names of the United States, from which a few interesting instances are given below. Chicago is an Indian word meaning wild onion or skunk weed; Chesapeake is also Indian, and is variously interpreted as highly salted water, great waters, or country on a great river. Chautauque is also an Indian word, and has had several interpretations—as a foggy place, a bag tied in the middle (referring to the shape of the lake), Niagara is an Indian word signifying across the strait.

The French navy is still maintaining an active interest in submarine vessels, and an entirely new type of craft is soon to be constructed at Cherbourg, which, on account of its large size, will be known as a "submarine cruiser." It is 125 feet in length and 18 feet beam, being driven by electric motors when under the water and by gasoline engines at the surface. There are two electric motors, which operate two propellers and eight horizontal rudders, while current is to be supplied by double sets of accumulators.

CHAS. F. PFISTER CLEARED

The Milwaukee Capitalist Declared Innocent of Larceny by Bailor.

He Was Charged With Appropriating \$14,000 Belonging to the Wisconsin Rendering Co.

Milwaukee, Dec. 16.—Judge Bruce, in the municipal court, Friday, decided that Charles F. Pfister was not guilty of larceny as charged in the indictment returned August 4 by the grand jury. The decision was on a motion to dismiss the defendant after the state had rested its case.

The charge against Mr. Pfister was that of larceny as bailor of \$14,000 belonging to the Wisconsin Rendering Co. Mr. Pfister was the recipient of many congratulations, after the decision had been rendered. In an interview, Mr. Pfister expressed himself as follows:

"One can hardly comprehend the feelings of a man falsely accused, day after day in a criminal court, with the knowledge of innocence in his heart, with the officers of a great state seeking to convict him in any event. There is nothing much I can say. Absolute proof of my innocence was easy of ascertainment had the district attorney cared to procure it. It may seem a small thing to them to indict and prosecute a man for an infamous offense, but it is a terrible thing for an innocent man to be compelled to submit to it. I have nothing to say at this time as to the motives inspiring those who have sought to disgrace and ruin me. I have only to say further that I hope that no innocent man will ever be obliged to undergo the same ordeal. My indictment was false, cruel and inhuman, my prosecution worse."

N. C. DOUGHERTY'S SHORTAGE

Report of the Everett Auditing Committee Appointed to Investigate the Defalcation.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 15.—The Everett auditing committee, which is investigating the shortage in the accounts of N. C. Dougherty, former school superintendent, will make a report to the school board Monday night, and this, the first public announcement of the shortage will show that the accounts are short slightly over \$400,000 in the first five years, and that the defalcation will run back for several years further.

The official shortage for the year ending in June, 1905, is \$34,000; for 1904, \$90,000; 1903, \$80,000 and for the two years preceding, a total of about \$100,000. In the possession of the school board now is property turned over by Dougherty aggregating in value \$220,000, and the balance of approximately \$200,000 is unsecured.

ALL RECORDS SURPASSED

Holiday Trade, Which Has Been the Prevailing Business Feature, Has Been Phenomenal.

New York, Dec. 16.—Bradstreet's weekly review says:

Holiday trade has absorbed attention this week and reports from all over the country are unanimous that all records for this stage of the season have been surpassed. In retail trade proper there is some complaint of mild weather retarding sales of heavy clothing and footwear. Wholesale trade is quiet except where liberal orders for holiday goods have reached jobbers from retailers. The usual end of the year inventories are being prepared for by first hands, while jobbers are making some special sales of goods adapted to the season. Spring trade reports thus far are satisfactory. Manufacturing is still as active as ever, notable in this respect being iron and steel.

WHEN CONGRESS ADJOURNS

Nicholas Longworth and His Bride-to-Be Are Planning to Make a Tour of Europe.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Miss Alice Roosevelt will realize for the first time her great popularity throughout the country. Hundreds of manifestations and good wishes have been received in the form of letters, telegrams, flowers and personal calls.

Mr. Longworth announces that after the wedding he will take his bride for a short trip, and would then return to the Eighteenth street home until after the adjournment of congress. They would then go on a European tour, which might last several months, and their permanent home would be made in Cincinnati.

A Comet Discovered

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16.—A telephone message was received at Harvard observatory, Friday, from Percival Lowell, of the Flagstaff (Ariz.) observatory, who is in the east, stating that a comet was found by Prof. Slipher on a photograph made November 23. The comet was moving four miles per hour in a direction 15 degrees north of west. Moonlight has since interfered with observation.

A Veteran Missouri Jurist

Lexington, Mo., Dec. 16.—Judge John E. Ryland of this city, criminal judge for 28 years of this fifteen judicial circuit, died here Friday. Rev. E. P. Ryland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Los Angeles, Cal., is a son of the deceased.

A Clerk's Good Luck

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 16.—John Mooney, a dry goods clerk, has been advised that he is heir to a \$75,000 estate in Ireland, left by a deceased uncle. Accompanying the letter was a check for \$6,000.

Caldwell Jury Disagreed

Salina, Kas., Dec. 16.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Sarah Caldwell, charged with the murder of her husband, was discharged Friday, having reported they were unable to reach a verdict. The jury stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal.

To Re-Establish the Canteen

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Morrill, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the house committee on militia, has introduced a resolution to re-establish the army canteen.

TRADE WITH THE PHILIPPINES

The Trade Is Steadily Increasing. That For Current Calendar Year Being Estimated at \$20,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Estimates made by the bureau of statistics, department of commerce and labor, based on the returns for ten months ended with October, are that the aggregate commerce between the United States and the Philippine islands for the calendar year 1905 will amount to about \$20,000,000, against about \$15,000,000 in 1904, \$10,000,000 in 1903, \$4,000,000 in 1902, and a little more than \$4,000,000 in 1901, the year prior to the American occupation. Prior to 1899, the exports from the United States to the Philippines, the bureau reports show, had never exceeded a quarter of a million dollars, while in the present year they will aggregate nearly \$6,000,000. Imports from the islands, which ranged between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 per annum prior to 1899, were, in 1902, \$10,000,000; in 1903, \$12,000,000, and in 1905 will be about \$14,000,000, according to the bureau estimates.

The imports in 1905 are chiefly of hemp and sugar. Hemp imports for the first ten months of 1905 amounted to \$10,376,528, and sugar, \$2,212,240.

FOUR LIVES LOST IN A FIRE

Mrs. Wm. Marsh, Two Children and James Dwyer Victims of a Theater Fire at Loraine, O.

Loraine, O., Dec. 15.—Four lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the Verbeke theater here early Sunday morning.

The dead: James Dwyer, aged 28.

Mrs. William Marsh, aged 24, and her two children, Grace, aged three years, and Clifford, aged seven months.

The Marsh family had apartments on the third floor. William Marsh was stage manager for the theater. Dwyer, an employee of the theater, slept in the basement, where the fire originated, from which escape was cut off. Mrs. Marsh and her children were suffocated by smoke.

William Marsh was not at home when the fire occurred.

WITH BULLET FROM OLD GUN

Charles B. Eames, Vice-President of St. Louis Credit Clearinghouse, Accidentally Killed.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—A bullet from an antique rifle that had been loaded perhaps for fifty years penetrated the head of Charles B. Eames, vice-president of the Credit Clearinghouse and a collector of old weapons, as he stood by the furnace in his home at No. 4347 Page avenue, Sunday, watching the flames burn off the stock. He died several hours afterwards without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Eames had for many years been a collector of ancient weapons, and whenever he has had an opportunity he had purchased old guns, pistols and swords. The gun with which he lost his life was one of three he discovered and purchased Saturday at a second-hand store.

FIRE AT DALLAS, ILLINOIS

Two of the Principal Business Blocks, Including the Bank and Weekly Review Office Burned.

Dallas, Ill., Dec. 15.—Two of the principal business blocks of this place were completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning, along with the contents, entailing a loss of about \$50,000, with very little insurance. The fire was caused by an explosion of a coal oil stove. Among the losers is the Review, a weekly newspaper, and the First National bank.

TOGO TO COME IN THE FALL

Ambassador Griescom Reports Projected Call of Japanese Admiral and His Fleet.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Admiral Togo of the Japanese navy, will visit the United States next fall with a large fleet of warships. Lloyd Griescom, the American minister to Japan, who has reached here, so reported to Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Griescom will probably be promoted to be the American ambassador to Japan when Japan has raised the rank of its legation here.

Paid With Personal Check

Washington, Dec. 15.—Miss Alice Roosevelt's personal check for \$1,206.15 has been sent to the collector of the port of Georgetown, in payment of customs duties on the various presents which she brought back with her from the orient.

John A. McCall Seriously Ill

New York, Dec. 15.—John A. McCall, president of the New York Life, is seriously ill with pneumonia. Mr. McCall contracted a cold last Monday, and against the advice of his physician, attended a meeting of the company Wednesday.

Cattle Thief Gets Thousand Years

Victoria, Tex., Dec. 15.—Mat Porter, aged 78, charged with cattle theft, was convicted, and the jury assessed his punishment at 1,000 years in the penitentiary. It is believed that he has been responsible for numerous cattle thefts, but evidence to convict was lacking.

Clergyman Paralyzed Over Beer

Litchfield, Ill., Dec. 15.—While preaching the funeral sermon of Thomas J. Cox, Rev. J. W. Wright was stricken with paralysis, and is in a precarious condition.

After Twenty-Six Years

Corpus Christi, Tex., Dec. 15.—George W. Talley, who killed Josh Peters, 28 years ago, was convicted of murder in the second degree and given a seven-year sentence. At the time of the killing, Peters was a stockman and Talley a ranger.

Mother's Fatal Mistake

Washington, Dec. 15.—Not even the Withers of Payne county gave her little son, Charles, bichloride of mercury, mistaking it for quinine. The boy died in agony.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI

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For One Hand, \$12,000

Division No. 2 of the supreme court in Jefferson City has affirmed judgment of the Jackson county circuit court which gave George L. Phippin \$12,000 for loss of the right hand while performing his duties as switchman for the Missouri Pacific railroad in the yards at Kansas City. Phippin was a switchman. He lost his hand through the fault of a co-employee, who threw the wrong switch. Phippin's attorney, Frank P. Walsh, sued the Missouri Pacific and got judgment for \$12,000. The railway company appealed and the supreme court affirmed the verdict and assessed interest, which brings the amount Phippin will receive up to \$15,000. Formerly in Missouri a person could not recover damages for injuries received through the fault of a fellow servant.

Plans of Missouri Editors

William Southern, Jr., president of the Missouri Press Association, and editor of the Independence Examiner, has appointed Col. Omar D. Gray, editor of the Sturgeon Leader, district representative of the Eighth congressional district. It will be the duty of Mr. Gray to ascertain how many editors in this district are not members of the association and try to interest them in joining. Mr. Southern will shortly convene the executive committee of this association at a meeting to be held in St. Louis, and it is thought that the association will decide to take a trip to Cuba after the winter meeting.

The Spaulghs Are Convicted

The jury in the cases of Mrs. Mary Spaulgh and her son William Spaulgh, who were tried on the charge of having killed Sheriff Polk at Iron-ton on May 25 last, has returned a verdict convicting William of murder in the first degree and Mrs. Spaulgh of murder in the second degree and sentencing her to ten years in the penitentiary. The case of Arthur Spaulgh's second son, who was granted a separate trial, was continued until the May term of court.

Carrier Opened Letters

Edwin F. Darr, formerly a rural free delivery mail carrier in Blairtown, pleaded guilty before Judge Phillips at Kansas City to a charge of opening letters entrusted to his care and was fined \$50 and costs, which he paid. It transpired that in Darr's district rival telephone companies were fighting for prestige. Darr was interested in one of them, and in order to discover the plans of the other he opened some letters.

Another Fake Footrace Suit

Phillips Cohn, of Collinsville, Ill., has filed suit in the federal court at St. Joseph against the Exchange bank of Webb City and J. P. Stewart and J. C. Stewart, alleging that three years ago he was defrauded out of \$5,000 by a gang of fake footracers headed by Robert Boatright, now dead. Cohn alleges that the bank and the Stewarts were implicated with the gang, causing him to bet his money and lose.

Salvation Army Festival

Following its usual custom the Salvation Army will hold its Christmas festival in Convention Hall, Kansas City, when entertainment and good cheer will be furnished to the homeless and basket dinners distributed to the worthy poor. Contributions of money and provisions for this purpose will be received by Lieut. Col. F. W. Scott, Thirteenth and Walnut streets, Kansas City, Mo.

Left with His Bookkeeper

Ed Foster, a prominent merchant of Springfield, is missing. His bookkeeper, Miss Ora McConnell, is missing also. On the morning after leaving the city, Miss McConnell's mother reported that she was in another state. Don't worry about me."

Chaplain in Confederate Army

Rev. L. B. Madison, aged 65, a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal church fourth, died at his home at Moberly. He was a chaplain in the Confederate army from 1861 to 1865.

An Overland Freightier Dies

Amos M. Brown, for half a century a well-known horseman of St. Joseph, was found dead in bed at the home of a relative in Greenwood. Before the era of railways west of the Missouri river he operated an overland freight line between St. Joseph and Denver.

An Osceola Man a Suicide

Ernest Merryfield committed suicide at Osceola by shooting himself with a shotgun. He died a few minutes later. He had previously attempted suicide by cutting his throat some time ago.

Trick of Irish Students

On the occasion of the conferring of degrees at Dublin university recently, a number of students stormed the organ gallery and prevented the playing of "God Save the King." They sang, instead, "God Save Ireland."

Animals During Eclipse

During total eclipses animals have been observed to fall asleep, thus showing that this condition is not due to habit, but to the absence of light so acting upon the nervous system as to lull the senses.

TRAINING DAIRYMAIDS.

School for the Education of Women Has Been Founded in Norway.

There are schools for almost everything nowadays in the United States, but Norway has gone one better in that line and has founded a school for dairymaids. Information concerning this novel form of instruction is furnished by United States Consul Rasmussen, of Stavanger.

He says that there has been considerable improvement along agricultural lines in his consular district lately, and dairymaids in particular have received much attention. The society for the promotion of "Norwegian" (Norway's) milk has during the year established schools whose aim will be to "train young girls from the rural districts in the care of the cow and other domestic animals." The length of each course is six months, commencing October 14 each year.

The instruction will be mainly practical and taught in such a manner that pupils under the guidance and supervision of the instructor or instructors, each by turn, will feed and tend the entire stock of cattle, sheep, swine and poultry. In addition to feeding, tending and other work pertaining to cleanliness of the animals in their respective quarters, the pupils are required to perform the dairymaking, scrubbing and cleaning of milk vessels and once a week weigh the feed and milk and keep a record thereof. The course also includes reading and writing, together with instruction from modern text-books concerning the care of live stock, including feeding and dairymaking. In order to be eligible to enter these schools pupils must have attained the age of 15 years, have had some previous experience in dairymaking, be of good health and possess good moral character, for all of which a certificate must accompany applications for admission. Board and tuition are free.

This report of Consul Rasmussen bears strong evidence that the practical—almost scientific—development of the Danish dairy industry and the very large amount of money received annually by Denmark from its sales of butter to England mainly are having their effect on the neighboring Scandinavian countries, where the dairy conditions are about the same as in Denmark.

Although the conditions, as applied to girls and women, revealed in Consul Rasmussen's report are inapplicable in a large measure to the United States it is well that American farmers should know the extreme efforts put forth in European countries for the exploitation of their dairy industries, for their products will compete with our products in foreign markets, and we can only hope to win our share of those markets in the face of such acute competition by overcoming their extreme labor applications to the production of butter, in the main, by superior intelligence and more effective appliances.

The principal efforts of the Scandinavian dairy interest are chiefly toward the output of butter for the British market, and the results fully justify their efforts.

Carr's Lordly Chef

The chef of the czar of Russia is by tradition and position a gentleman and has the right of wearing a sword. The present holder of the office is an Alsatian named Krantz, who fought in the French army in the Franco-German war and won distinction. His pay and perquisites amount, it is said, to nearly \$55,000 a year.

All in a Name

Wife: The young lady who lives in the next flat told me today that she is practicing Wagner's "Simple Life." Husband:—Well, I hope it is simple. Then she won't have to practice it four hours every night, as she does his "Tannhauser."—N. Y. Times.

France's Waterways

France has 3,645 miles of canals and 4,665 of rivers improved for purposes of navigation. The government has expended on these waterways about \$500,000,000 since the war with Germany.

Mother Barred

Geraldine—May I kiss you? Geraldine—Mother is in the next room.

No Conspiracy

In discharging a man and wife charged with "conspiring to defraud" an insurance company a London magistrate said that in a man and his wife were one person, and one person could not conspire.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.	
COTTON—Middling	12 1/2
RAW—Native	11 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 1/2
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